

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF LIBRARY TRUSTEES OF THE
BARRINGTON PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Library Trustees was held on January 9, 2012, at 7:00 p.m. in the Conference Room of the Barrington Area Library pursuant to notices sent to the board and the press on January 5.

Present and acting as trustees:

Donald F. Minner, President
Carolyn Welch Clifford, Vice President
Henry G. Wisniewski, Treasurer
Kathleen Ann Peterson, Secretary
Richard J. Ryan, President Emeritus
Barbara A. Pintozzi
William J. Pizzi

Also in attendance were:

Detlev Pansch, Executive Director
David E. Din
Michael Mercer
Michael Sean Comerford
Wayne Tegeder, Friends of the Library
Betty O'Grady, staff

President Minner called the meeting to order and asked the guests if they had comments. Two members of the public in attendance wished to comment on the renovation project. Mr. Minner said the board would allow them to speak after completing some business.

Mr. Minner called for approval of the Regular Meeting minutes of December 12. Mr. Ryan moved, and Mr. Wisniewski seconded, to approve those minutes as presented.

Ayes: Minner, Clifford, Wisniewski, Peterson, Ryan, Pintozzi, Pizzi

Nays: 0

Motion CARRIED.

Under President's report, Mr. Minner stated that the board had been discussing the idea of a renovation, especially the need to replace some mechanical equipment. The board has studied what would be involved in that as well as the financial aspect.

Director Pansch stated that after the last referendum we were looking at living within our means. This building's mechanical systems need to be replaced. It also made sense to look at other things needing to be updated in the building which would be more cost effective to do at the same time. We would like to create more open space for the public, changing where service points are, and changing the parking lot.

We worked with Engberg Anderson, the architect. They came up with various options that were part of the Strategic Facilities Plan.

Mr. Ryan said that we have to keep improving the library. The staff brings information to us and we ask consultants about it. Mr. Ryan said that he had been here a long time, but we have to take care of the library. The money is here. Other libraries have been doing renovations also.

Mr. Minner advised that the Barrington Public Library District is the largest district in Illinois. We have been developing outreach also. South Branch, book pickup areas are very popular. This was a needed service because the geographical area of the district is so large.

The RFID system has allowed us to use part of our staff to serve the South Branch. We did not need to hire additional staff.

Mr. Minner stated that the board is always trying to stay a few steps ahead of what people are doing today. The referendum plan was for a library of 104,000 square feet, but the community did not want a larger library.

We want to use our space the best way possible. Long ago, we had doubts about getting rid of the card catalog! We are trying to accommodate a lot of people.

Mr. Ryan noted that the board wants to make it easy for people who need a little help walking. We got rid of the bluestone at the entrance and changed it to concrete. Bluestone constantly cracks and chips. Mr. Ryan said the library is great now, but it is going to get better.

Staff areas would be located toward the back of the building to allow for maximum space for the public closer to the front of the building. There would be about a six-month design period and a nine-month construction phase.

We will plan it so it has the least amount of disruption to the public.

The guests presented their thoughts on the renovation project.

Ms. Clifford stated that everyone uses the library differently. We should listen to our neighbors to see what they do.

Mr. Minner advised that the board needed to keep to the agenda. He asked the board to consider the information they had been given and see if they have any additional questions to discuss in February. The board thanked Mr. Din and Mr. Mercer for their input. The men left the meeting.

Mr. Wisniewski presented the Treasurer's report. Beginning balance was \$8,195,545.10 with receipts of \$274,590.37 and expenditures of \$499,700.70. Ending balance for December 2011 was \$7,970,434.77 which is \$1,769,717.16 greater than that of one year ago. Mr. Ryan moved, and Mr. Pizzi seconded, to approve the Treasurer's report and bills for payment as presented.

Ayes: Minner, Clifford, Wisniewski, Peterson, Ryan, Pintozzi, Pizzi

Nays: 0

Motion CARRIED.

Regardless of the troubles the other pension systems in Illinois are in, IMRF is sound and well funded. When retirees leave, they are no longer a burden to the library.

Director Pansch discussed the Open Meetings Act Training which is available online. All current elected and appointed officials must take the training by December 31, 2012. When the trustees complete their training, they will receive a certificate. This certificate should be given to Betty O'Grady, who will include them in a binder.

Ms. Pintozzi, Liaison for the Art in the Library, advised that the next exhibit will be photos by special needs children organized by Thomas Balsamo.

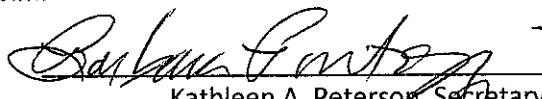
Mr. Tegeder presented the Friends of the Library report. He attended his last board meeting as President of the Friends. The new president will be Dr. Lowell Johnson. The board agreed that Mr. Tegeder had done a wonderful job.

There was no Old Business or New Business. Mr. Wisniewski moved, and Ms. Pintozzi seconded, to adjourn.

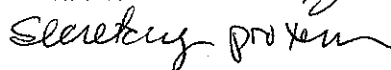
Ayes: Minner, Clifford, Wisniewski, Peterson, Ryan, Pintozzi, Pizzi

Nays: 0

Motion CARRIED. Adjournment was at 8:16 p.m.



Kathleen A. Peterson, Secretary



Barbara Pintozzi